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2 March 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : Minutes of Meeting with Area Division PP Deputies,  
19 February 1953

PRESENT : Mr. Barnes, presiding

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1. Mr. Barnes made the following informational announcements:

a. Mr. Barnes had talked to [ ] who said that DD/P is definitely not leaving the Agency.

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b. A briefing of General Cabell by the PP Staff is scheduled for Friday, 20 February.

c. With regard to the nomination of individuals for positions in merged branches, CPP said to be sure that nominees have had, or arrangements are made to provide them with, proper training.

d. In view of the monthly reporting system, the possibility of modifying the Area Quarterly Reports is being considered.

e. PP/OPS is making a survey to ascertain what projects in the FE and EE areas still need approval for FY 1953.

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2. Mr. Barnes said that 1,000 one-year subscriptions to the magazine, [ ] are being sent to selected persons in [ ] under the auspices of NCFE. If any Divisions wish subscriptions sent to selected groups or individuals in their areas or if further information about the project is desired, Mr. Barnes recommended the Deputies see [ ] of PYD. [ ] suggested that each Area Division be put on the distribution list for the magazine.

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3. Mr. Barnes

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25X1A 3. Mr. Barnes said the subject of Communist brain washing technique would be introduced at the PSR luncheon meeting today, and brought up the question of [ ] said a CIA agent would contact [ ] in New York this week.

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25X1 4. Mr. Barnes reviewed the status of the Jackson Committee. He said that Mr. [ ] had been forced, for reasons of health, to leave the Committee staff, that he had been replaced as Executive Secretary by [ ] will become a member of the Jackson Committee Staff. It is expected that the Committee Report, when completed, will consist of five chapters on the following subjects:

- Chapter I - Survey of Russian Cold War Activities
- Chapter II - Survey of Present United States Cold War Programs
- Chapter III - A Critical Evaluation of the United States Programs and an Analysis of their Deficiencies
- Chapter IV - Conclusions and Recommendations for Substantive Changes
- Chapter V - Conclusions and Recommendations for Organizational Changes

25X1A The PP Staff is preparing for 24 February presentation to the Committee, Chapter I (material received from State Department, offices under DDI, and the Area Divisions) and the CIA contribution to Chapter II. This statement, which will be in writing, is not definitive, but will be fairly detailed. Mr. Barnes emphasized that the material therein may be supplemented by the Area Divisions. Mr. Barnes also noted that the Committee will meet from February 24th to 28th to read documents, have discussions with its own staff, and, perhaps, call witnesses from the interested agencies. In answer to [ ] question about the possibility of future reorganization stemming from the work of the Jackson Committee, Mr. Barnes said that DCI feels very strongly that only one Government agency should be engaged in clandestine work. There remains, however, the question whether any of the present CIA projects could, or should, be brought to the surface and carried on under separate auspices. Mr. Barnes said that he has received no information from the Committee to support the rumors of the possible establishment of a separate agency. Two questions regarding CIA should be kept in mind as being of apparent interest to the Committee: (a) Are there not tasks undertaken by CIA which are properly Government effort but which are not appropriately CIA's responsibility? and (b) To what extent has CIA been forced into unfortunate situations by higher authority? Mr. Barnes recommended that the Area Deputies keep in mind ascertainment of the office which started projects and the office or offices which approved them, when these projects are reviewed for the evaluation in Chapter III of the Jackson Committee Report. Mr. Barnes emphasized the need for an impartial evaluation of the PP effort within the next few months, and said that if constructive suggestions for present or future operations are forthcoming, they will surely receive serious consideration.

25X1 5. Mr. Barnes reported on the proposed budget for FY 1954. He said the figure prepared for [ ] was somewhat lower than the amount

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granted for 1953, but was in excess of the clandestine services' estimated obligations for FY 1953.

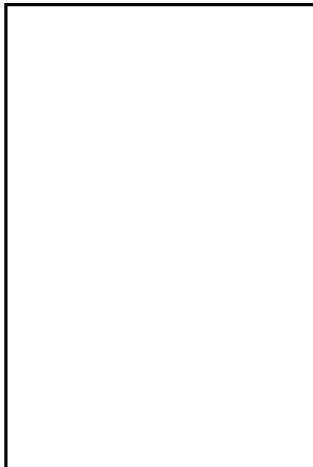


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